

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the distance between Sonapur and Barauni via Shahpur Patoree on North Eastern Railway is only 80 kilometre; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to convert this 80 kilometre line into broad gauge so as to reduce the time in covering the distance between Sonapur and Barauni ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir. The distance between Sonapur and Barauni, via Shahpur-Patoree, is about 91 kms.

(b) There is no proposal to convert this section into BG at present.

[English]

Relief to Salt Producers

6980. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to present shortage of wagons the salt Producers of Kharaghoda, Patdi and Dharngadhra in Gujarat have suffered incalculably; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to give relief of these Salt Producers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). While transport of Salt by rail from Kharaghoda, Patdi and Dharangadhra areas including Kuda was about 12 per cent more in 1984-85 over 1983-84, the movement of salt by trade in ships for Eastern India has declined, resulting in increased demand for rail transport in Gujarat.

Efforts are being made to further increase the availability of wagons for Salt loading in this area to the extent feasible.

Increase in the number of Beggars on Trains and at Platforms

6981. SHRI MULLAPAPLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware of the increase in the number of beggars in trains and at platforms;

(b) if so, the names of the divisions and the routes on which large number of beggars are found; and

(c) what deterrent action is being taken by Government to root out this menace once and for all ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). The Railway Administration is aware of the nuisance caused by beggars in trains and at platforms. However, as no statistics is maintained regarding the number of beggars on trains and on platforms it cannot be said that their number has increased of late.

(c) Railways organise regular checks and raids with the assistance of R.P.F., R.P.S.F., G.R.P. and Civil Police to remove the beggars from trains and stations.

[Translation]

Health Guide Workers State-wise

6982. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the total number of health guide workers deployed, State-wise, to look after the health of villagers under multi-purpose workers scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : Village Health Guide Scheme is a separate Scheme and not a part of the Multi-purpose Workers Scheme. The number of Health Guides trained State-wise is given in the statement attached.

Statement

Total number of Health Guide trained as per information received upto 31-3-85 (figures provisional)

State/UT

1. Andhra Pradesh	31534
2. Assam	17634
3. Bihar	10000
4. Gujarat	22852

5. Haryana	10280
6. Himachal Pradesh	4418
7. J & K	Not implementing Health Guide Scheme
8. Karnataka	13716
9. Kerala	Not implementing Health Guide Scheme
10. Madhya Pradesh	35619
11. Maharashtra	43774
12. Manipur	1690
13. Meghalaya	2029
14. Nagaland	340
15. Orissa	22495
16. Punjab	10906
17. Rajasthan	13878
18. Sikkim	345
19. Tamil Nadu	Not implementing Health Guide Scheme
20. Tripura	1860
21. Uttar Pradesh	82855
22. West Bengal	41199
23. A&N Islands	346
24. Arunachal Pd.	Not implementing Health Guide Scheme
25. Chandigarh	25
26. D&N Haveli	74
27. Delhi	160
28. Goa, Daman & Diu	884
29. Lakshadweep	42
30. Mizoram	697
31. Pondicherry	278
All India Total :—	369930

Conversion for Primary Health Centres into Rural Hospitals

6983. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of Primary Health Centres in the country converted into rural hospitals during 1984 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : According to the information provided by the State/UT Governments during their Plan discussions,

99 Community Health Centres (Rural Hospitals) were likely to be established during the year 1984-85.

Rural Students Health Care Scheme

6984. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any rural students health care scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The Government of India has no Rural Student Health Care Scheme as such. However, School Health Programme is being implemented in 100 primary health centres on experimental basis.

(b) Under this Scheme, the following activities would be covered :

(i) Training of teachers;

(ii) Health Education;

(iii) Health check-up of primary school children;

(iv) Treatment of sick children; and

(v) Immunization.

The focus of the scheme would be the training of the teachers to identify sick children, to keep health records of the school children, provide treatment for minor ailments and to organise health education activities in the schools. Teachers would also assist in arranging health check up and immunization of school children by the primary health centre staff.

[English]

Restoration of Bangalore Bogies to G. T. Express

6985. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the practice of attaching five Bangalore bogies to Grand